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PEIPING PLANS LARGE WITHDRAWALS FROM TIBET

I. ChiComs planning to withdraw large numbers (at least 25,000) troops, political and economic technicians, and laborers from Tibet, where resistance has been widespread.

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- II. Withdrawals are new tactic in Peiping's efforts to
 win Tibetan allegance. By reducing size of Chinese
 colony a major source of irritation to Tibetans will
 be reduced. Chinese will now concentrate on "enlightening" Tibetans with "persuasion and education."
 - A. Regime has made no substantial headway with Tibetans since "liberation" in 1950-51.
 - B. Large scale of withdrawals reflects Peiping's unwillingness to create Chinese Hungary with bloody erack-down on resistance.

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C. Mae Twe-tung himself has admitted "democratic reform" in Tibet new postponed indefinitely.

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